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SUBJ: USGS IN OMAN

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1. SALIM MACKI, DIRGEN DEPT OIL AND MINISTERS, IS CASTING STONES IN THE PATH OF USGS-OMAN COOPERATION. MACKI HAS RETURNED TO POSITION OF EARLY 1972, STATING THAT USGS DUPLICATES WORK OF MARSHALL EXPLORATION AND THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO PAY USGS FOR WHAT BRITISH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IS WILLING DO FOR NOTHING. MACKI ALSO COMPLAINS THAT USGS IS TOO SLOW. MACKI WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE USGS WITH HOUSING AND FACILITIES, BUT DOESN'T WANT TO PAY SALARIES. IN ANY AVENT, MACKI DOESN'T WANT LARGE NUMBER OF GEOLOGISTS AROUND UNTIL HIS STAFF IS LARGE ENOUGH TO HANDLE ADMINISTRATION, AND, IMPLICITLY, MONITORING.

2. EMBASSY MYSTIFIED AT MACKI'S POSITION, REPEATED WELL-KNOWN ARGUMENTS AGAINST. WE GUESS MACKI'S REAL PROBLEM IS REFUSAL TO PAY FOR WHAT HE SEES AS COMMERCIALY VALUABLE INFORMATION, COUPLED WITH FEAR THAT RESEARCH RESULTS WILL BE WITHHELD FROM OMANIS. MACKI STATED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT HE WANTS SAMPLES TESTED IN HIS OWN LAB.

3. TIMING OF THIS PROBLEM DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF TOWNSEND'S PRESENCE IN STATES AND LIKELY DISCUSSION WITH DAVIDSON. TOWNSEND WELL AWARE NECESSITY MACKI'S APPROVAL FOR SUCCESSFUL
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PROGRAM. THEREFORE SUGGEST ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH TOWNSEND BE

KEPT ON STRICTLY TENTATIVE LEVEL, WHILE WE TALK TO MACKI THROUGH
MUTUAL FREINDS.
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